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R 121356Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7026

INFO AMCONSUL CURACAO

UNCLAS BOGOTA 1338

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: CPRS CO

SUBJ: AMERICAN PROPERTY: US FLAG VESSEL "MIL MAR I"

REF: STATE 23083; DEPT OM JAN 16/75

1. ATTORNEY RAFAEL RIVAS INFORMED EMB THAT ON FEB 3 HE PERSONALLY DISCUSSED CASE OF MIL MAR I WITH FRANZ H ROSS IN NEWYORK CITY. ALSO SAID ON THE SAME DAY HE BRIEFED DEPT OFFICER BY TELEPHONE ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE.

2. ALTHOUGH EMBARGO WAS LIFTED BY SANTA MARTA COURT PROBLEM STILL REMAINS OF VESSEL'S AUCTION BY FOURTH LABOR COURT OF CARTAGENA. DR. RIVAS REPORTS THAT HIS ASSOCIATE IN SANTA MARTA, DR ADOLFO LEON GOMEZ, RECENTLY RENDERED TESTIMONY BEFORE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN CARTAGENA WHO IS INVESTIGATING AUCTION OF VESSEL.

3. MR ROSS INFORMED DR RIVAS THAT NAME OF VESSEL WAS CHANGED TO "SAN GREGORIO" AND THAT IT HAS BEEN CALLING AT PORTS IN ARUBA AND CURACAO "AND INVOLVED IN CONTRABAND". DR. RIVAS AND EMB NOT AWARE OF WHEREABOUTS OF PETER GROSSICH AND LUIS JOSE CASTRO, THE DEFENDANT IN THE LABOR SUIT AND LEGALLY-APPOINTED CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL. EMB HAS REQUESTED FROM COLOMBIAN PORT AUTHORITIES INFORMATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF MIL MAR I.

4. BECAUSE FONOFF GAVE INCONCLUSIVE REPLY OUR NOTE OF JUNE 24/74 EMB SENT A NOTE ON JULY 22 AND AGAIN ON OCT 26/74. ON NOV 15/74 FONOFF REPLIED SAYING IT HAD REFERRED EMBASSY'S UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLAINT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF COLOMBIA.

5. EMB RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT AMCONSUL CURACAO  
TO MAKE INQUIRIES CONCERNING VESSEL'S WHEREABOUTS AND INFORM  
DEPT AND EMB BOGOTA OF RESULTS.  
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